



## GAME NOTES

Langley Rivermen  
at  
Wenatchee Wild

Saturday February 18, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (42-9-4-0, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mainland Div.) face the Langley Rivermen (28-17-6-2, 3rd Place, Mainland Div.) in the final regular season home game for the Wild.

**HEAD TO HEAD:** Wenatchee pounded Langley 10-2 last night, winning three of the first four meetings this season. Wenatchee is 7-2-1 all time against the Rivermen, and 4-0-0-1 at home. Wenatchee also eliminated the Rivermen in the opening round of the playoffs last season, 4 games to 1. The teams will meet again next Thursday and Friday in Langley.

**STREAKING:** Wenatchee is riding a 34-game point streak at home dating back to last season. The Wild are 30-0-3-1 dating back to Jan. 23, 2016. Langley's Cooper Leitch has recorded an assist in 5 straight games. **AJ Vanderbeck** and **Brian Williams** each have a goal in their last three games. The Wild have won their last three games.

**PLAYOFF PICTURE:** The Wild have a 5-point lead over Chilliwack in a heated race for the Mainland Division crown. Both Wenatchee and Chilliwack are guaranteed home ice for Round 1 of the playoffs. Langley is locked into 3<sup>rd</sup> place and will open on the road, either at Chilliwack or Wenatchee. **All BCHL Playoffs are a best-of-7 format.**

**WHO TO WATCH FOR:** **Brendan Harris** leads both the Wild and the BCHL with 93 points (23g, 70a), while **Charlie Combs** is second in overall points (79) and leads the BCHL with 47 goals. **AJ Vanderbeck** is second in the league with 38 goals, and **Troy Conzo** is tied for third in BCHL assists with 48. **Alex Bates** leads Wild defensemen with 37 points (3g, 34a). Langley's offense is led by Ryan Barrow (27g, 38a) and Cam Ginnetti (8g, 47a) who also leads all BCHL defensemen. Max Kaufman has 26g and 23a in just 42 games for Langley.

**MAGIC NUMBER:** The Wild's Magic Number is 4 (points) to earn a Division title, and the best record in the BCHL.

**HOME COOKIN':** The Wild continue to perform well at home, posting a record of 25-0-2. This season, the Wild have outscored opponents by a total of 158-44 in games at Town Toyota Center.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** The Wild lead the BCHL in power play goals (71), shorthanded goals (15), fewest power play goals against (27), and fewest shorthanded goals against (1). Langley has the third most power play goals (64) and ranks 4<sup>th</sup>.

**LAST WEEK:** Wenatchee took 3 of 4 road games over the last week, winning in Vernon (3-1), Trail (5-4), and Coquitlam (9-0), but losing at Penticton (2-0). Over that same time span, Langley has played just once, a 4-3 overtime loss to Chilliwack in a game the Rivermen led 3-0 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**MOVING ON:** Next week the Wild wrap up their season with two games in Langley, Thursday and Friday. The Rivermen also face Prince George twice at home, Monday Feb.20 and Saturday Feb.25 to close their season as well.

**MEDIA:** Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs at 6:45 pm.

**PROMOTIONS:** Tonight is "Wolfie Bobblehead Night" and "Billet Appreciation Night".